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NO HAZING AT NEWBERRY.

Students Take Steps to do Away with Practice.

Columbia, Oct. 19.—Announcement is made that the students of Newberry College, the Lutheran institution, at Newberry, have voted unanimously not to engage in any hazing and to put down any hazing that might crop out. So far this fall there have been no reports of hazing at any of the institutions in the State, and there is reason for hope that none will occur. College students have begun to take the view of the general public in matters of rowdiness, and as a result all forms of brutality are being annually reduced.

WHISKEY KILLS LITTLE GIRL.

Children Play "Doctor" and Florence Child Suffers Horrible Death.

Florence, Oct. 17.—One of the saddest deaths that has occurred in this city in a long while was that of Martha, the bright and beautiful little six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McLeone, who resides in West Palmetto street.

It is stated that Martha and two little children were playing in the yard about the home of her parents, and one of them suggested that they play "doctor." The suggestion was quickly taken up, and a bottle of medicine was sought for.

The only thing was a pint flask of whiskey, and this liquid was administered to the little girl.

It was only a short time before the whiskey began to get in its direful effects and Martha was soon thrown into convulsion. A neighbor, seeing the condition of the little girl, called to her father, and he quickly ran to her, and, picking her up in his arms, carried her into the house. Drs. McLeod, Smith and McMaster were hurriedly called, but it is stated that the child never regained consciousness, death relieving her about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The parents are heart-broken over the terrible occurrence, and their many friends sympathize deeply with them in their affliction.

The body will be taken to Augusta, Ga., tonight, the former home of Mr. and Mrs. McLeone, for interment tomorrow.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN STRICKEN.

Member of Railroad Commission Seriously Ill.

Columbia, Oct. 18.—Railroad Commissioner James M. Sullivan collapsed today during a meeting of the commission and fell from his chair unconscious with something like apoplexy. He was removed immediately to his home in the city and placed in charge of physicians and trained nurses.

It is impossible to say at this time how grave is his condition but there seems good reason to hope for recovery.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

Body Convenes at Aveleigh Church in Newberry.

Columbia, Oct. 19.—The Presbyterian synod of South Carolina is meeting this week with Aveleigh church in Newberry, something like 175 clerical and lay delegates being in attendance. The synod of South Carolina dates its existence from the year 1788, during all those years has stood valiantly for the faith as handed down by the saints. The retiring moderator is the Rev. T. W. Sloan, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Greenville, and the stated clerk is the Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D., of Spartanburg. The synod has enrolled 140 ministers, active and inactive, and the membership in the State numbers 25,000. The synod was opened last evening with a sermon, and the routine work was begun today.

## ASSAULT IN COLUMBIA.

### HORRIBLE CRIME COMMITTED IN STATE CAPITAL BY NEGRO.

Arrest Made by Police and Criminal Taken to Penitentiary for Safekeeping—Prisoner is Identified.

From The State, Oct. 19.

Columbia, Oct. 19.—At the point of a pistol Ed Byrd, a 19-year-old negro, committed a criminal assault yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock in the northwestern portion of Columbia. He was arrested, not more than 20 minutes after he had accomplished his purpose, by policeman Hite and taken back to the scene of the crime, where his victim, a white woman, positively identified him and declared that the pistol found in his pocket looked like the one which had been thrust into her face.

Byrd was taken to the police station, where he was questioned by Chief Cathcart. The negro denied all knowledge of the affair. He declared that he had been hunting all day on Crane creek. This statement was later disproved by Mose Pete, a negro, whom Byrd said went with him.

Byrd was afterwards spirited away by the police to the State penitentiary for safekeeping. He will be kept there until the next term of court.

The occurrence was not generally known on the streets until after 8 o'clock. There was no demonstration, but three bodies of men gathered, one on the State house grounds, one at the corner of Taylor and Main streets, and one around the police station. There was some talk of lynching the negro. When the news got abroad that he was in the penitentiary, the crowds dispersed after satisfying themselves that it was true. The mob spirit was lacking. But for the foresight of Chief Cathcart in taking Byrd to the penitentiary, it might have flared up at any moment; for the recognized futility of any attempt to get the negro out of the State prison acted as a blanket on the near-mobs.

The first intimation to reach police headquarters that anything had occurred was a telephone message from T. B. Carder that a negro had been in his store at the corner of Lincoln and Lady streets, brandishing a pistol. The message came a little after 5 o'clock. Policeman Hite, who was on reserve duty, went at once to Carder's store, but the negro had gone.

Policeman Hite went up Park street on the lookout for the negro who had created the disturbance at Carder's store. He found him at the corner of Park and Second street. The negro made some show of resisting arrest and, knowing that he was armed, the officer drew his pistol and called to a white man to come and search him. A pistol was found in Byrd's pocket.

Immediately after the negro was arrested by Policeman Hite, Policeman Millette, who was on duty in that part of the city, came hurrying up and told his fellow officer of the crime, the scene of which was only two blocks from where the negro was caught. Byrd was taken before his victim. She declared that he was the negro and said that the pistol with which he had threatened her was made of blue steel.

After his identification, Byrd was taken to police headquarters in the patrol wagon. Word had been sent in that a negro had broken into a cab at the Seaboard and taken a "blue steel" pistol out of Conductor Howell's locker. It had also been reported that a negro boy had threatened to shoot John Franklin a few blocks from the scene of the criminal assault. Byrd was identified by F. N. Jones, a Seaboard car inspector, as the negro he had seen leave the cab. John Franklin also declared that he was the same negro who had threatened him with a pistol.

Byrd told a story about a hunting trip on Crane creek he had taken with Mose Pete, a negro, whom he had left at the old fair grounds. He denied all knowledge of the crime and declared that he had the pistol in his pocket all day.

Mose Pete was found and brought to the police station about 8 o'clock last night. He said that he did not know a negro by the name of Ed. Byrd, but that he might recognize him if he could see him. Byrd had already been taken to the penitentiary and will be shown Mose today. Mose said that he, in company with a negro and a young white man, had gone hunting on Hampton's creek. He was positive that Byrd was not in the party.

The Columbia police department handled the whole affair very quietly and efficiently. The officers acted promptly. Chief Cathcart took the

wise precaution of sending the accused negro to the penitentiary.

The victim of the negro is prostrated. She is a married woman and has two small children. Her husband arrived in Columbia last night from Bamberg, where he had gone on business. She was in the back part of the house when the negro entered and covered her with the pistol which he had stolen. The details of the crime are too horrible to be printed.

A prominent citizen of Columbia, in speaking of the affair last night, said:

"We should have a special term of court to determine the guilt or innocence of Ed. Byrd. When a crime of this nature has been committed the law's delay ought to be obviated as far as possible."

Gov. Ansel has the power to order a special term of court when he is requested to do so by a solicitor and deems it expedient. Twenty-one days must elapse between the signing of an order for a special term and the convening of the court.

Ed. Byrd, who is charged with criminal assault, is a negro boy, weighing not more than 125 pounds. He said that he had been working with the force of hands engaged in repairing the steeple on the Presbyterian church and came to Columbia some time ago from Orangeburg.

## SONGS BY SOUTH CAROLINIAN.

Mrs. Dawson of Ridgefield Produces "Down on the Edisto."

Columbia, Oct. 19.—Mrs. Rozalie Dawson of Ridgefield has two songs, which her friends think, will become popular in South Carolina, even if they are not sung throughout the country. "Down on the Edisto" and "Agnes May" are the names of the verses. So far as beauty is concerned, the Edisto is more entitled to song than the Kennebec or Wabash, and its name is as poetic. The music-loving people will await the production of Mrs. Dawson's pieces with interest.

## DISPENSARIES CLOSE AT 4 P. M.

Meeting for Men in Connection with Revival Services.

Columbia, Oct. 19.—By request of the ministers of the city, Mayor Gibbs today had served on the several dispensaries in the city ordering them to close at 4 o'clock this afternoon, tomorrow and Friday afternoons at the same hour. At 4 o'clock every afternoon a meeting for men is held in connection with the revival which has been in progress in the Protestant church for over two weeks.

## PAMPHLET FREE FOR FARMERS.

Paper Telling of Use of Lime on Land Sent where Desired.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 19.—A pamphlet containing information which should be of the greatest interest and practical benefit to the farmers of the South and which may be had for the asking, has just been issued by the Land and Industrial Department of the Southern Railway. The pamphlet treats of "The Use of Lime on Land," and tells of the great benefits to be derived in this way. Quotations are given from agricultural authorities and from bulletins issued by the United States Department of Agriculture and various state departments, telling of what kind of land lime should be used, for what crops it will bring the best results, and how it should be applied.

For improving sour soils such as are found in many parts of the South, agricultural authorities agree that there is nothing so beneficial as lime since with the aid of leguminous plants it enables the soil to draw from the atmosphere the nitrogen so necessary as plant food. The large deposits of lime in the various Southern States make the use of lime for agricultural purposes inexpensive.

A copy of the pamphlet on "The Use of Lime on Land" may be secured by addressing a request to M. V. Richards, Land and Industrial Agent, Southern Railway Company, Washington, D. C., or copies may be had on application to any freight traffic representative or local or station agent of the Southern Railway.

If it is impossible for Japan to take an optimistic view of events in China, the latter may as well keep an eye out for trouble. The same impossibility marked the earlier relations of Japan and Korea.—San Francisco Chronicle.

## HURRICANE SWEEPS COAST.

### THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE STORM IN RECENT YEARS.

Gale Coming From West Indies Sweeps Cuba, Florida and Moves on Northward—Lines of Communication Destroyed.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 18.—What undoubtedly will prove to be the most destructive storm in the history of southeastern extremity of the United States last night and today swept the entire Florida peninsula, doing damage estimated at several million dollars. Forty thousand square miles south of Jacksonville has been without any means of communication with the outside world for more than 24 hours. The last reports from this section, embracing all that territory south of a line from Tampa to St. Augustine, told of hurricane winds, hourly increasing in intensity and rapidly falling barometers. The orange crop and vast trucking industry were reported as probably ruined.

Jacksonville sustained heavy property loss, but it is believed there was no loss of life in this vicinity. Along the eastern coast many lives are believed to have been lost and the property damage must have been great.

The maximum wind velocity, 70 miles an hour, was reached here at 7 o'clock tonight, when the centre of the disturbance appeared to have passed up the Atlantic coast toward Savannah. The wind velocity along the coast was greater than in the city. Mayport, at the mouth of the St. Johns river, experienced a wind of 80 to 90 miles an hour and half of the houses were wrecked.

There has been no communication with any point south of Jacksonville, since late this afternoon and all wires north were severed with one exception shortly before dark.

It will probably be several days before the telegraph companies can restore their service to the storm-swept territory of southern Florida.

A heavy downpour of rain accompanied the winds everywhere. At St. Augustine houses in the business section were flooded tonight at low tide, with promise of immense damage to property at flood tide. The city is in darkness. A gale was still blowing at 6 o'clock tonight, the tide was running over the sea wall and heavy damage has been done to property along the water front.

Not a word has come from Tampa since 6:30 this morning when the wire to this city failed in the midst of a story telling of increasing winds and falling barometers. The telegraph companies do not expect to restore communication with Tampa before tomorrow, although several hundred men were rushed out from here on the construction gangs today.

The only loss of life reported was that of the drowning of three negroes at Key West, contained in an Associated Press dispatch via Havana. The territory from which no reports have come for 24 hours, however, is expected to show a heavy death toll.

Extraordinary precautions were taken by the officials of the East Coast railway, which stretches out into the ocean for miles in the vicinity of the lower keys, and the officials here believe all hands are safe.

By reason of the warnings issued by the weather bureau, shipping is believed to have suffered very little. All of the steamers in Florida waters have kept within harbors since yesterday morning with the exception of a few of the big liners. A number of barges and launches were sunk at points along the east coast, but there were no men aboard when they went down.

While the damage will be heavy along the coast, the greatest property loss was in the interior, where the storm came upon the people with little warning and in some instances with none at all.

### Charleston May Suffer.

Charleston, Oct. 18.—It is believed to be almost certain that the Carolina rice crop has been seriously damaged by the high tides this morning and tonight, resulting from the storm. About half the crop is still lying stacked in the fields and it is thought that the tides, which were a foot and a half above the normal, have overflowed the banks. The rice plantations are inaccessible tonight and definite reports are unobtainable.

It is probable also that the sea island cotton crop has suffered as a result of the high winds and whipping rain.

At 11 o'clock tonight the wind at Charleston maintains a velocity of

about 30 miles and the barometer is falling very slowly.

The dredges, towboats and other craft considered the situation serious enough however, today to seek anchorage in proceeding up the river. The revenue cutter Yamacraw, like the other steam vessels in port, had up a full head of steam and was prepared to move at the notice of a moment. The Clyde steamer Comanche arrived in port this morning a couple of hours behind her scheduled from Jacksonville, having experienced very rough weather, but the heavy sea was behind her. The Baltimore liner, Theodore Weems, came in last night and Capt. Hall reported a smooth and pleasant trip, having gotten into port ahead of the bad weather. With the threatening condition and the display of the signals, shipping will probably remain in port until the storm is better located and navigation becomes safer.

A wireless report to the weather bureau from Hampton Park station said that the Clyde steamer Iroquois, which left here last night for Jacksonville, was riding the storm off the port of Savannah. The report said that the wind was blowing 50 miles an hour. The ship is without an anemometer and it is not known how the velocity was gotten, unless it was estimated.

The last blow of any proportions was on October 20, 1906, when a wind velocity of 54 miles an hour was recorded. In the storm of August 27-28, 1903, the most destructive storm that has ever visited Charleston, an estimated wind force of 112 miles was recorded. The anemometer could not register above 90 miles and the excess had to be estimated. In the cyclone of August 25, 1885, the wind reached almost equal force and did damage in the millions, causing great loss of life especially on the sea islands as did the storm eight years later. Forecaster Grant is, however, hopeful of Charleston avoiding any such disaster as a result of the northward movement of the present hurricane.

### Heeded For Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 18.—At midnight Savannah appears to be well within the influence of the West Indian hurricane, which has been headed in this direction from over Florida all day. The wind is blowing 60 miles an hour and the velocity is increasing hourly, indicating the steady advance of the storm.

Later reports from Waycross tend to confirm the story that Brunswick, Ga., is storm swept. Over a railroad telegraph wire from Southern Junction, six miles out of Brunswick, it was learned that the docks are under water and that the flooded area extends to the foot of F street. It is believed the high water reached Mansfield, Newcastle and Bay streets. Hurricane winds have been blowing there for hours, but no estimate can be obtained as to the extent of the damage. Atlantic Coast Line train No. 97 left Waycross at 6:45 p. m. for Brunswick but was forced to turn back because backwater covered the tracks 10 miles outside of the city and blocked the train. The train carried an army of laborers to repair the damage after the water recedes.

### BIG YIELDS OF CORN.

Last Call for Report and Selection of Seed Corn from "The Club."

Those who have not yet sent in a report of their method of cultivation and fertilization will please do so at once as the committee wishes to have the seed corn graded and to pass upon the records so that the prizes may be awarded at an early date—the 29th of October, if possible.

A great many of the boys have failed to make as much as they started out to make; but, if the other counties average as well as Sumter there will be about a thousand certificates of merit to be awarded to the boys of the State, for about twenty to twenty-five boys have passed the seventy-five bushel mark and four or five have passed the hundred mark in this county.

S. D. Cain,  
J. Frank Williams.

### FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE.

George V. Kleckley Shoots Himself On His Plantation.

Columbia, Oct. 20.—George V. Kleckley, a prosperous farmer, aged 58, shot himself through the heart with a shotgun early this morning, on his plantation in Lexington County, following a long illness. Death was instantaneous.

Kleckley leaves a wife and six children; one son, Walter, being a merchant of Columbia.

## FORCE OF STORM

APPARENTLY TO BRING TO DO DAMAGE.

One of the most serious losses in destruction of small pine trees—Brunswick has suffered along the waterfront.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 19.—Unless the hurricane is playing 'possum' indications at 6 o'clock are that the storm has passed to sea. It has been almost dead calm all afternoon, due according to weather bureau, to the fact that this immediate vicinity was in the centre of the cyclone.

But the period of calm has lasted so long the belief prevails that the storm has either weakened until it is no longer dangerous, or disappeared off the coast. The conduct of the storm has been so erratic, however, that the ships in this section are playing safe and waiting until positive information about the storm has been received.

The sea at the bar is running so high that vessels have not ventured to cross today and tugs which put out from Savannah in search of vessels in distress were forced to turn back and wait for fairer sailing. The city of Memphis, Boston to Savannah, has been reported 30 miles off Tybee since last night. The weather was too thick for Capt. Hammond to navigate with safety. Near the Memphis, there is a five-masted schooner, name unknown which has been in distress all day. The Memphis was unable to give assistance. The tug McCauley will go to the schooner tonight if the sea outside will permit.

A dispatch to The Morning News by mail from Brunswick today narrates the fact of the storm's visit to that port. While no lives were lost there was great damage along the water front. Two men who were out hunting marsh hens when the storm broke had not been accounted for this forenoon, but they are not believed to have perished.

The tide at Brunswick was higher than it has been in decades. The water covered the docks and backed up into the river front streets, several stores on New Castle street being under water. Because of the threatening indications at Brunswick yesterday morning the steamers plying between that place and Fernandina did not leave their docks.

Fifty feet of the government sea wall which protects the parade ground at Fort Scriven was washed away by the highest tide that has been experienced on the island in many years. The railroad tracks are still under water and the sea washed around the foundation of the handsome new summer hotel, which is in course of construction. The damage has not yet been estimated as communication with the island is bad.

Reports from localities where the long staple cotton is grown indicate considerable damage to the late sea island cotton. It is probable that practically all of the late sea island cotton has either been ruined by the storm or seriously damaged.

Of interest to the naval stores trade throughout the world is the fact that great damage was done to the small pine trees which had been boxed for turpentine. In south Georgia and Florida a large percentage of the turpentine which goes into naval stores is produced. This season the baby crop of trees was large. But it appears that the storm, sweeping through the timber sections, played havoc with the saplings.

A mail letter from Brunswick today shows that no lives were lost there, but the storm was severe and great damage was done along the water front. There is no wire connection with Brunswick and trains are still blocked by water over the tracks.

The steamship City of Memphis came into port at 1:30 o'clock this morning after being hove to off Tybee for 2 hours, on account of the rough sea. Capt. Hammond reported that the five-masted schooner Rebecca Palmer from Brunswick which flew the flag of distress early in the day, declined assistance when he offered it. He says he thinks the schooner is in no trouble.

The condition of the grounds about the railway station in wet weather is something terrible, and something ought to be done to remedy the condition at once.

The Colonel sees "victory in the air," and he has been up in the air so long that his observation ought to be reliable.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.